

WCC Code Section	Current Language	Amendment Focus
WCC 55.435, Variance permit annual renewals, new section	N/A	<p><u>Goal:</u> Formalize the renewal process for a permit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal prior to deadline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inspection completed 7-30 days before deadline ○ Cancellations/reschedules must be made no later than 24 hours before appointment • With the exception of the inspection, WCRAS may grant 30-day grace period to complete all requirements beyond the deadline
WCC 55.390, Variance permit to keep more than 3 dogs over four months of age or 7 cats over four months of age	A variance permit is required for ownership of more than 3 dogs, 7 cats	<p><u>Goal:</u> 1) Change the legal limit of dogs from 3 to 5 2) No change to the # of cats</p>
WCC 55.400, Application, Inspection, Fees	Application criteria currently specifies: 1) Number and breed of dogs/cats be listed on application, 2) Drawings showing layout of property, 3) Emergency preparedness plan, and 4) Application fee	<p><u>Goal:</u> 1) Add the purpose of keeping more than 5 dogs/7 cats 2) Include the contact information for the property manager/landlord or HOA</p>
New Subsection in WCC 55.400, Inspection:	N/A	<p><u>Goal:</u> 1) A better parameter of time and accountability around scheduling and attendance of property inspection by applicant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scheduled by applicant within 30 days of WCRAS receipt of application ○ Inspection must be completed within 45 days of WCRAS receipt of application ○ Failure of applicant to be present at date/time of scheduled inspection results in denial of permit

<p>WCC 55.410, (1 -5) Containment for Keeping Dogs</p>	<p>1) In a yard with secure perimeter fence for largest breed of dog 2) Inside the residence 3) In a kennel at least 6 feet in height</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specifications are not less than 6' wide X 5' length for four small dogs ○ Specifications are not less than 12' wide X 15' length for four medium dogs ○ Specifications are not less 18' wide X 20' length for four large dogs ○ Specifications are not less than 20' wide X 25' length for four extra-large dogs <p>Other requirements:</p> <p>1) Must have concrete floor or, 2) Concrete footers at least 12 inches deep 3) Walls securely fixed to concrete floor or footers 4) ACO may require enclosure with top that is attached to walls 5) Variable sizes may be approved by discretion of ACO so long as overall square footage are met 6) Sheltered area required</p>	<p><u>Goal:</u> Simplifying containment enclosures for dogs to allow greater use of commercially available kennels. Allowed enclosures include:</p> <p>1) Yard with not less than 50 square feet per dog, with a secure perimeter fence of appropriate height for largest breed of dog 2) Inside of the residence, with not less than 50 square foot per dog 3) Secure enclosure with specifications no less than 5' wide X 10' length X 5' in height for 1 dog, to be increased by 50 square feet for each additional dog</p> <p>Other requirements:</p> <p>1) Remove the concrete flooring, footing and walls securely affixed requirements 2) Specify shelter as defined in 55.010, which shall be provided in the quantity and size to accommodate each dog contained in the enclosure</p>
<p>WCC 55.415, Containment for Keeping Cats</p>	<p>1) Structurally sound 2) Keeps them contained 3) Prevents entrance of other animals 4) Maintains ambient temperature sufficient to protect against hot/cold 5) Sheltered area 6) Space not less than 500 cubic feet for 8 cats, with an additional 100 cubic feet for each additional cat 7) Cats have access to clean water, food, resting perches and litter 8) A residence may be used to house the cats</p>	<p><u>Goal:</u> 1) Simplify the enclosure size to provide 50 square feet per cat 2) Better definition of a shelter as defined in section 55.010 3) Cats have access to wholesome air, in addition to clean water, food, resting perches and litter</p>

<p>WCC 55.420, (1) (a-d) Approval or Denial of Application</p>	<p>1) In addition to the property inspection, WCRAS shall conduct investigation and consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any complaints related to the premises • Any NCPs or citations for more than 1 violation of WCC Chapter 55 within 1-year preceding application <p>2) Neighborhood notifications are sent to persons residing within 200 feet of applicant</p> <p>3) Staff inspection and final recommendation presented to Director</p> <p>4) Director approves/denies within 90 days and may place special conditions on permit</p>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <p>1) In addition to existing criteria, WCRAS will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any misrepresentations in the permit application • Any warnings, NCP's, cites for WCC violations within 3 years prior to application • Any unpaid fines from a cite, NCP or restitution; and if applicable, whether the applicant has complied with the conditions of supervised release and all conditions of sentencing
<p>WCC 55.420, (4) Approval or denial of application</p>	<p>Director's Approval:</p> <p>1) The director or designee shall approve the permit within 90 days of receiving completed application</p> <p>2) The director may specify conditions on the permit, deemed necessary for the health of the involved animals and /or public safety</p>	<p><u>Goal, Director's Approval:</u></p> <p>1) The director or designee shall approve the permit within 120 days of receiving a completed application</p> <p>2) In addition to specification of conditions, the director may consider the number and size of dogs /cats residing on the property, written objections, any other information the director deems relevant to the application</p>
<p>WCC 55.420, (5) (a-e)</p>	<p>Requirements of Variance Permit:</p> <p>1) Dogs are required to be licensed</p> <p>2) Dog/cats are required to be microchipped</p> <p>3) ACOs are allowed access to inspect the applicant's property before a permit is issued, upon receipt of a complaint to WCRAS, and during the annual renewal. A failure to comply with a reasonable request for inspection constitutes a violation</p>	<p><u>Goal, Requirements of Variance Permit:</u></p> <p>1) Addition of dogs/cats over 4 months are required to be vaccinated for rabies</p> <p>2) If an applicant/permit holder fails to comply with a reasonable request for inspection, the permit will be denied or revoked</p> <p>3) WCRAS shall be notified within 30 days of any material change to permit, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Addition of new animals, death or change of ownership of permitted animal ○ Contact information changes ○ Preparedness plan ○ Enclosure modifications

WCC 55.420, (7)	Time Period After Denial: N/A	<u>Goal</u> , Time Period After Denial: Any person whose variance permit application has been denied, may not re-apply for 1 year
WCC 55.430,(1)(a- g) Variance permit exclusions	Service animals are exempted	<u>Goal</u> : Service animal is removed from this code exclusion
WCC 55.440 Variance permit renewal fees	Provides for annual renewal	<u>Goal</u> : 1) Adds that if a permit lapses a late fee shall apply 2) Failure to pay renewal fee within 30 days of renewal deadline may result in permit revocation
WCC 55.450,(1) (c) Variance permit revocation; appeal	Provides that variance permit may be revoked if: 1)Permittee receives more than 1 NCP or citation for violating WCC Chapter 55 in permit year 2) Permittee receives citation for cruelty to animals 3) Permittee fails to comply with variance code requirements 4) Permittee fails to comply with permit conditions Describes revocation procedures	<u>Goal</u> : Adds that if permittee receives NCP or citation for a violation of WCC 55.110 (unsanitary conditions), WCC 55.190 (Endangering), or WCC 55.460(2) (At large, endangering public safety, property or other animal) of this chapter, this may qualify as grounds for revocation
WCC 55.450, (2), Variance permit revocation; appeal	N/A	<u>Goal</u> : Any person that has had a variance permit revoked, may not re-apply for 3 years